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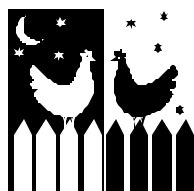
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were irregular, but mostly unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady, mostly about steady. Demand covered the full range but movement was best for retail ads and where fast food promotional activity was active. Supplies were adequate to ample, but some surplus product was moved due to Monday's holiday with several plants down. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, tightest for bone-in and fronts, more available for all others. Wings continued to be well cleared, and dark meat items were usually sufficient for limited needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/15/01-01/20/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	49.00-50.00	49.81	16	53.19	32
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.15	46	52.55	74
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.26	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.38	13
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	65.01	21
Detroit	49.00-52.00	50.81	16	53.76	40
Los Angeles	66.00	64.13	62	60.22	175
New York	48.00-50.00	48.57	28	52.74	54
Philadelphia	47.00-49.00	47.83	6	50.58	19
Pittsburgh	48.00-50.00	48.73	11	55.51	57
St. Louis	50.00-50.25	49.57	16	51.01	36
San Francisco	66.50	65.71	28	66.19	74

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/15/01	Change/Last Wk	01/08/01	01/17/00
618	56.29	-1.14	57.43	53.73

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	54.00-60.00	59.08	40
Central	54.00-57.00	56.36	58
West	47.00-58.00	55.45	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.22	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,126	47.00-62.75	60.15

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	127.50	4,745
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,558
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	775
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,408
WINGS	90.00	3,057

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole birds was only fair at best with most dealers cautious and selective following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to no better than fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to tight at times, but boneless-skinless breasts were at least

sufficient. Dark meat cuts were usually available. Wings remained loosely balanced to well cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was slow to fair with mixed trading. Supplies were better balanced but still easily satisfied trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, close to tight for fronts and bone-in, at least adequate for others. Wings were still short of an active call, and dark meat was usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at mainly lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate to cover the fair buyer's interest. Sharper discounts reported but did little to stimulate buying activity. Demand by stores improved for whole body best where features planned, moderate by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was firm on bone in breasts and about steady on balance of parts. Reported trading on parts for this week's delivery into California: leg quarters 4/10s mainly 22.5 and bulk 20.5-21.5, bone-in breasts 59-68, boneless breasts 110-115, boneless thighs 75, boneless leg meat 67-69; less than trucklot - leg quarters bulk 24-26, whole legs 43, thighs 46. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 3.74 to 48.35 with the volume reported down 10%.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were lower in all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady. Offerings of additional product were adequate for the light trade needs. Retail movement was fairly good into Chicago, slow to fair at best elsewhere. Food service demand was mostly moderate, best where promotions present. Floor stocks were adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was moderate on wings and slow on the balance of items. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, fully steady on whole breasts and cautiously steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate following the holiday weekend. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Bone-in breasts were barely adequate to tight and clearing. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.08
NO. OF BOXES	12,449
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair as dealers cautiously assessed the market and were reluctant to assume much beyond normal commitments. Offerings of bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to tight at times, and boneless-skinless breasts were generally sufficient. Dark meat parts were about adequate, and wings were balanced to well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	117.24	636,890
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.96	125,936
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	60.42	317,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	56.65	162,440
LEGS	33-34	35.97	178,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.36	564,234
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.15	209,550
THIGHS	29-30	29.04	215,690
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.58	55,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.22	290,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	93,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.58	30,975
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.96	114,290

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,887	95.00-120.00	100-105	103.44
TENDERLOINS	141	135.00-195.00	-	154.69
BREAST - WITH RIBS	153	45.00-83.00	45-50	55.70
FRONT HALVES	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	767	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,193	18.00-23.00	18-19	19.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	56	73.00-82.00	82	80.98
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,286	21.00-31.00	23-24	23.49

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/15	01/11	01/11	01/08	01/04
ALA	2,456	3,596	5.06	3,871	5.05
ARK	5,140	4,912	5.03	5,165	4.94
DELMARVA	963	2,283	4.94	2,357	4.97
LA-TENN	1,418	1,895	4.38	1,965	4.42
MISS	1,088	2,797	5.11	2,589	5.03
NC	1,262	2,612	5.70	2,553	5.79
TEXAS	1,772	2,285	4.79	2,230	4.76
TOTAL	14,099	20,380	5.03	20,730	5.01
MON	14,099(A)			20,730(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Jan 2001 is estimated to be 21,094,000 down 32.19 percent from a week ago and down 6.1 a year ago.

(Last week 31,107,000, last year 22,470,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	772	102.00-195.00	125-132	125.90
TENDERLOINS	170	135.00-170.00	135-140	143.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	110	45.00-49.00	-	46.77
LEGS	86	27.00-41.00	27-30	29.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,731	18.50-24.00	21-22	20.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	314	84.00-91.00	85-87	87.32
WINGS (CUT)	558	87.00-119.00	103-107	106.85
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	57	69.00-83.00	-	79.32

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 15, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
30.50 - 34.50	31.84	30.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:
IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI
WEEK OF 15-JAN-2001 TO 19-JAN-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 122.00	112.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	51.00 - 67.00	55.00 - 59.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 24.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 41.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 37.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	88.00 - 94.00	88.00 - 90.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8 & 9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**(L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

12-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	17.50	237,000	**200,000**
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	17.50		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	15.00-17.00	898,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.74	16.05		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-21.00	11.00-14.00	2,140,000	980,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.65	12.77		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

12-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	12.50	122,400	
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	12.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.00	11.00-12.50	1,550,400	938,400
WTD AVERAGE	19.11	11.63		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

*****NOTICE*****

"Effective January 5, 2001, all prices and volumes of mechanically separate chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions."

****CORRECTION FOR WIRE DATED JANUARY 05, 2001: VOLUME FOR EXPORT SHOULD HAVE BEEN 312,000****

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher on spent heavy hens compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were clearing available inventories with scheduling sufficient for needs at processing operations. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.25 CENTS/LB.	8-10	8.60

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules are normal to reduced for this week. Undertone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11	6-9	7.81
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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